

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are now pending in the above-identified application. No claims have been amended.

This response supplements the Response submitted on January 24, 2008. The January 24, 2008, Response addressed the rejection of claims 1, 4, 5, 8, and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0017322 to **Kim, et al.**, in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0018892 to **Satake, et al.** In addition, the following remarks address the §103(a) rejections of claim 3 based on **Kim** and **Satake**, in further view of U.S.

Patent No. 4,764,426 to **Nakamura, et al.**; and claims 2, 7, and 9 based on **Kim**, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,479,153 to **Kato, et al.** No additional comments are made with respect to the first rejection.

No new matter has been presented, and no new issues have been raised. Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the Response dated January 24, 2008, and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action, claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0017322 to Kim, in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0018892 to Satake, et al., in further view of U.S. Patent No. 4,764,426 to Nakamura, et al.

In addition to the remarks regarding **Kim** and **Satake** filed in the January 24, 2008, response

addressing the first rejection, the applicants present the following:

Nakamura was cited for the disclosure of polyoxyalkylene glycol. However, **Nakamura** fails to compensate for the insufficient disclosure of **Kim** and **Satake**, namely (1) direct bonding of the base material to the leather-like skin material **without the use of an adhesive**; (2) the leather-like film layer bonded **directly** to the base material; (3) the leather-like skin layer formed by a **resin composition containing a colorant**; and (4) a colorant containing a polyol as a **vehicle** (B-1) and a pigment (B-2).

Furthermore, **Nakamura** is directed to polyester fiber, not an adhesive for solvent-free artificial leather-skin layer, as in **Satake**, or artificial leather, as in **Kim**. Given the entirely different materials and purposes of “silk-like” polyester fiber, adhesive, and artificial leather, no motivation is provided in **Kim**, **Satake**, or **Nakamura** to modify its teachings in a manner that would result in a colorant comprising pigment and the claimed polyol rendering the claimed invention obvious.

Therefore, **Kim**, **Satake**, and **Nakamura**, combined, fail to teach or suggest the claimed process for producing a leather-like sheet as recited in claim 1 and each dependent claim thereof, including claim 3.

Accordingly, the applicants respectfully submit that **Kim**, **Satake**, and **Nakamura** fail to render obvious the invention recited in claim 3, and request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

In the Office Action, claims 2, 7, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,479,153 to Kato, et al.

Kato was cited for the disclosure of polytetramethylene glycol and xylylene diisocyanate.

However, **Kato** fails to supply the missing elements of **Kim**, described above, and, therefore, without more, the combined disclosure of **Kato** and **Kim** fail to teach or suggest the claimed invention recited in claims 2, 7, and 9.

Accordingly, the applicants respectfully submit that the combination of **Kim** and **Kato** fail to render obvious the invention recited in claims 2, 7, and 9, and request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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